

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for winding a wire, comprising:
~~wherein~~ an annular guide ~~[[has]]~~ having a notch for guiding the wire, ~~[[has]]~~ an inner peripheral surface whose diameter gradually increases in a direction ~~remote~~ away from ~~[[the]]~~ a take-up bobbin, ~~and is disposed so that it can~~ movably positioned to cover one of a plurality of collars of ~~a take-up~~ the take-up bobbin for the wire, and having an engagement portion for preventing the wire from springing out of the take-up bobbin.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for winding a wire as defined in claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the annular guide is disposed so that it is movable in an axial direction of the bobbin.

4. (Currently Amended - Withdrawn) An apparatus for winding a wire as defined in claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the annular guide comprises a plurality of portions which move to form the annular guide.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for winding a wire as defined in claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the apparatus comprises a wire positioning device for guiding the cut terminal portion of the wire.

6. (Original) An apparatus for winding a wire as defined in claim 5, wherein the wire positioning device comprises a guide rod for moving the wire and a guide plate for preventing the spring of the wire.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method of winding a wire wherein the method comprises the steps of:
winding a wire on a take-up bobbin;

guiding a cut terminal portion of the wire to a notch of an annular guide which covers one of collars of the take-up bobbin on completion of winding the wire;

guiding the cut terminal portion of the wire to the outside of the take-up bobbin along the inner peripheral surface of the annular guide whose diameter increases in a direction away from the bobbin; and

engaging the cut terminal portion of the wire with an engagement portion provided on the annular guide by centrifugal force caused by the rotation of the take-up bobbin.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of winding a wire as defined in claim [[7 or]] 8, wherein the annular guide is moved to cover one of the collars of the take-up bobbin when the winding of the wire is completed.